Docket No.
118884-1016

Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

English Language Declaration

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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METHOD OF REMOVING CONTAMINANTS FROM PETROLEUM DISTILLATES

the specification of which

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)

Priority Not Claimed

NONE

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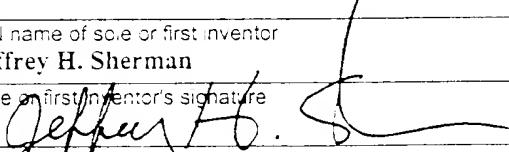
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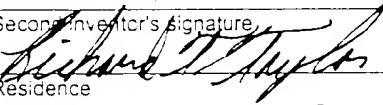
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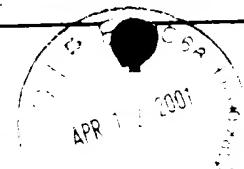
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STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Miami University, a University in the State of Ohio, states that it is the Assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/465,637 by virtue of an express assignment of the entire right, title, and interest in the patent application from the named inventors to Miami University. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 010495, Frame 0084, a copy of which is attached hereto. As a result of the attached assignment, Assignee is also the owner of the entire right, title, and interest in all continuation and divisional applications based upon U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/465,637. Therefore, Assignee is the owner of the entire right, title, and interest in the above identified continuation application, which is based upon U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/465,637.

The undersigned states that (s)he is empowered to legally execute this Statement of Ownership on behalf of the Assignee.

4/5/01
Date

? Date

RICHARD M. NORMAN
Title: Vice President for Finance
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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Jeffrey H. Sherman, Richard T. Taylor, Amanda L. Hofacker, James W. Hershberger, Garrett M. Conn, and William A. Gorman citizens of the United States of America and residents of Dallas, Texas; Oxford, Ohio; Oxford, Ohio; Oxford, Ohio; Hinckley, Ohio; and Corpus Christi, Texas, respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a "METHOD OF REMOVING CONTAMINANTS FROM PETROLEUM DISTILLATES" for which we are about to make application for United States Letters Patent, the said application having been executed on _____, and;

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NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to said application and all patents which may be granted therefor, and all divisions, reissues, substitutions, continuations, and extensions thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents for the invention, or patents resulting therefrom, insofar as our interest is concerned, to the said ASSIGNEE of our entire right, title and interest.

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Executed this _____ day of _____, 1999.

Jeffrey H. Sherman

STATE OF TEXAS §
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COUNTY OF DALLAS §

On this _____ day of _____, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and Country aforesaid, personally appeared Jeffrey H. Sherman, known by me to be the person of the above name who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his own free act and deed.

Notary Public, State of Texas

My Commission Expires:

Richard T. Taylor

STATE OF OHIO §
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Stanley L. Myers
Notary Public, State of Texas

My Commission Expires: 10/6/03

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My Commission Expires:

Amanda L. Hofacker
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STATE OF OHIO §

COUNTY OF Pule~~ble~~ §

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Patricia Cooley
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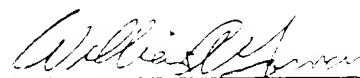
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At Commission Date 10-15-2003

STATE OF OHIO §
COUNTOY OF Perris §

On this 1 day of Dec., 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and Country aforesaid, personally appeared James W. Hershberger, known by me to be the person of the above name who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his own free act and deed.



Patricia Cooley
Notary Public, State of Ohio

My Commission Expires: 10-15-2003

Gorman

Garrett M. Conn

STATE OF OHIO
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COUNTY OF *Franklin*
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On this 1st day of December, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and Country aforesaid, personally appeared Garrett M. Conn, known by me to be the person of the above name who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his own free act and deed.



My Commission Expires: May 10, 2001

William A. Gorman

STATE OF TEXAS
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COUNTY OF _____
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On this _____ day of _____, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and Country aforesaid, personally appeared William A. Gorman, known by me to be the person of the above name who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his own free act and deed.

Notary Public, State of Texas

My Commission Expires:

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, we, Jeffrey H. Sherman, Richard T. Taylor, Amanda L. Hofacker, James W. Hershberger, Garrett M. Conn, and William A. Gorman citizens of the United States of America and residents of Dallas, Texas; Oxford, Ohio; Oxford, Ohio; Oxford, Ohio; Hinckley, Ohio; and Corpus Christi, Texas, respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in a "METHOD OF REMOVING CONTAMINANTS FROM PETROLEUM DISTILLATES" for which we are about to make application for United States Letters Patent, the said application having been executed on _____, and:

WHEREAS, Miami University, a body politic and corporate of the State of Ohio, whose mailing address is Oxford, Ohio 45056 (hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE"), is desirous of acquiring our entire right, title and interest in and to the invention, and to the application and any Letters Patent that may issue thereon;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, we do hereby sell, assign and transfer unto said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to the invention and in and to said application and all patents which may be granted therefor, and all divisions, reissues, substitutions, continuations, and extensions thereof; and we hereby authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to issue all patents for the invention, or patents resulting therefrom, insofar as our interest is concerned, to the said ASSIGNEE of our entire right, title and interest.

We also hereby sell and assign to said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns, and legal representatives the full and exclusive rights, title and interest to the invention disclosed in said application throughout the world, including the right to file applications and obtain patents, utility models, industrial models and designs for said invention in its own name throughout the world including all rights of priority, all rights to publish cautionary notices reserving ownership of said invention and all rights to register said invention in appropriate registries; and we further agree to execute any and all powers of attorney, applications, assignments, declarations, affidavits, and any other papers in connection therewith necessary to perfect such rights, title and interest in ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives.

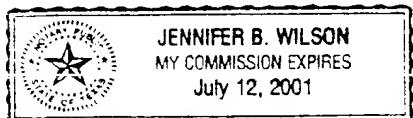
We hereby further agree that we will communicate to said ASSIGNEE, or to its successors, assigns, and legal representatives, any facts known to us respecting any improvements; and, at the expense of said ASSIGNEE, to testify in any legal proceedings, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuation, continuation-in-part, reissue and substitute applications, and make all lawful oaths, and generally do everything possible to vest title in said ASSIGNEE and to aid said ASSIGNEE, its successors, assigns and legal representatives to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for the invention in all countries.

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Executed this 8TH day of DECEMBER, 1999.

Jeffrey H. Sherman
Jeffrey H. Sherman

STATE OF TEXAS \$
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COUNTY OF DALLAS \$

On this 10th day of December, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and Country aforesaid, personally appeared Jeffrey H. Sherman, known by me to be the person of the above name who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his own free act and deed.



Jennifer B. Wilson
Notary Public, State of Texas

My Commission Expires:

Richard T. Taylor
Richard T. Taylor

STATE OF OHIO \$
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On this 1 day of Dec, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and Country aforesaid, personally appeared Richard T. Taylor, known by me to be the person of the above name who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his own free act and deed.



Patricia Cooley
Notary Public, State of Ohio

My Commission Expires: Oct 2003

Amanda L. Hofacker

STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF _____

On this _____ day of _____, 1999, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State and Country aforesaid, personally appeared Amanda L. Hofacker, known by me to be the person of the above name who signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the same to be her own free act and deed.

Notary Public, State of Ohio

My Commission Expires:

James W. Hershberger

STATE OF OHIO
COUNTY OF

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Notary Public, State of Ohio

My Commission Expires:

Gorman & me

Garrett M. Conn

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My Commission Expires: May 10, 2004

William A. Gorman

STATE OF TEXAS
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